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Customer No. 27752

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A pet food composition comprising an effective inflammatory response-reducing amount, on a dry matter basis, of omega-6 and omega-3 fatty acids in a weight ratio of about 5:1, wherein the ~~majority of~~ omega-3 fatty acids comprises at least about 80% alpha-linoleic acid derived from flaxseed oil, by weight of the omega-3 fatty acids, and wherein the majority of omega-6 fatty acids are derived from flaxseed oil, said composition comprising from about 7 to about 14% by weight total fat, which composition is formulated as a ~~solid~~-cat food.

2. (Original) The pet food composition of claim 1 in which at least about 20 wt% of the total fatty acids are omega-6 fatty acids.

3. (Original) The pet food composition of claim 1 in which at least about 4 wt% of the total fatty acids are omega-3 fatty acids.

4. (Original) The pet food composition of claim 1 in which said omega-3 fatty acids further comprise eicosapentaenoic acid, docosahexaenoic acid, or combinations thereof.

10. (Currently amended) The pet food composition of claim 1 ~~wherein the~~which is a solid cat food is selected from the group consisting of dry kibble, moist chunk foods, moist canned cat food and cat treats.

11. (Previously amended) The pet food composition of claim 10 which is fortified with vitamins and micronutrients.